

COUNCIL PUTS KIBOSH ON ANDY'S LITTLE SCHEME

Andy Lawrence's cute little police reorganization scheme didn't go through the council last night.

As prophesied by The Day Book there were enough aldermen who wished to retain their seats to defeat the ordinance.

Ald. Geiger, chairman of the committee on fire, police, schools and civil service, led the fight for the Lawrence ordinance; Ald. Cullerton led the fight against it.

Geiger managed to jam through a resolution calling on the civil service commission to investigate the United Police again.

The United Police is the organization of the rank and file of the police department. It has consistently fought Lawrence's reorganization scheme.

The chairman of the civil service commission, which Geiger's resolution orders to investigate the United Police, is Harmon M. Campbell, business manager of the newspapers Andy Lawrence publishes.

When Geiger offered his resolution calling on the civil service commission to investigate the United Police, Ald. Charles Martin, of the Fifth ward, arose to make a few pointed remarks.

"It is a very strange thing," said Martin, "that when the newspaper strike was in full swing six months ago, and all the thugs in the city were on the streets, Ald. Geiger took a vacation in order to evade the demand that his committee investigate these conditions; and that Ald. Geiger should now become so full of a desire for

an investigation of the police.

When the trust newspapers hired thugs and had them made deputy policemen, Ald. Geiger's committee was called on to investigate this condition. That was when Geiger went on a vacation.

Ald. McInerney, of the Thirtieth ward, said that he had been for the reorganization ordinance until one week ago.

"Then I noticed," said McInerney, "that that virtuous old lady, the Chicago Tribune, deposited that the ordinance was prepared by the civil service commission.

"I made a few inquiries myself. I was told that the ordinance had been drafted solely by the committee on police, fire, schools and civil service.

"I have observed in the past that nearly ever ordinance boosted by the Tribune called for the expenditure of a large chunk of the taxpayers' money.

"So far as I have been able to make out since the Tribune aroused my suspicions of this ordinance, it is chiefly for the purpose of providing for some veteran who was shot in the back."

(Major Miles is said to have been slated for the new position of civilian assistant superintendent of police provided for in the Lawrence reorganization ordinance. Major Miles is alleged to be a veteran of the Spanish-American war.)

Ald. Cullerton then put forward his objections to the ordinance.